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In re application of) Confirmation No.: 7183
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Serial No.: 10/022,959) Art Unit 1771
Filed: December 18, 2001) Docket No.: T117 9001
For: **POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL SATURATED SUBSTRATE AND**
METHOD OF MAKING

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

I, John W. Artley, of 4 Park Avenue, Apt. 10-R, New York, NY state the following as true:

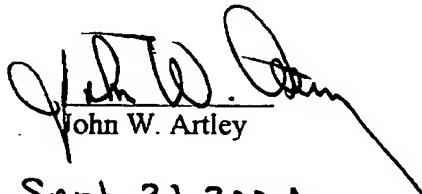
1. I am one of the co-inventors of the claimed subject matter in the above-referenced application.
2. The present application relates to a method of manufacturing a polyethylene glycol treated fabric. The method includes exposing a fabric to a polyethylene glycol formulation having both an acid catalysis and a resin. The treated fabric is then heated and cured to initiate a catalytic reaction for bonding the polyethylene glycol formulation to the fabric. The bonded fabric is then washed or neutralized to a pH of between about 6.5 and about 7.5 and then dried.

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3. I conceived the claimed subject matter in the present application prior to the effective date of US Application Pub. No. 2003/0013369 A1, or before July 20, 1999, coupled with due diligence from the conception date to the constructive reduction practice date or the filing date the provisional application filed December 21, 2000 from which the present application claims priority.

4. Materials and documents supporting the above specified conception date are unavailable since such records were either not kept and have been destroyed in the ordinary course of business.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are made of my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued there from.


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